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Hatch Reports Good Progress

Hatch Finds Favor In Congress For County Law Plan

A private cablegram from F. M. Hatch was received in the city this morning. Mr. Hatch immediately on his arrival in Washington conferred with the Delegate and other Congressmen. The bill ratifying Hawaii's County Law was introduced in Congress yesterday. Mr. Hatch states that it has been favorably received. Another dispatch is said to have been received in which Mr. Hatch announced that the bill sanctioning the County Law has been introduced by Delegate Kuhio and the plan meets with general approval.

COMMITTEE GOES TO INVESTIGATE KONA CO.

John Watt and Albert Horner, both plantation men, left in the Kona rather hurriedly on Tuesday last, their landing place being Kawaihae and their ultimate destination Kona. It was learned today that at a recent meeting of those interested in the Kona Sugar Company these two men were appointed a committee of two to proceed at once to the plantation named with a view of gathering material for a report to be made to the agents, bearing on the state of affairs at present existing there.

PLANTATION LIABLE TO RAILWAY COMPANY

Supreme Court this morning rendered decision in Oahu Railway & Land Company against Ewa Plantation Company and Kahuku Plantation Company on agreed facts submitted November 5. Justice Perry writes the opinion: The question submitted is whether by virtue of the provisions and covenants in certain leases, the Ewa Plantation and the Kahuku Plantation are liable to the Oahu Railway and Land Company for any portion or share of moneys paid as taxes by the Oahu Railway and Land Company to the Hawaiian Government upon its leasehold interest. The question is answered in the affirmative.

Our Calendar Makes a Hit

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STEWART'S STATEMENT

T. McCants Stewart said this afternoon that he has not made a thorough examination of the Supreme Court decision; but his impression is that it decides that neither itself nor the Circuit Court has jurisdiction over a county election contest. If that be so, the contestants are thrown upon their common law remedy of quo warranto, and the chances are that a test suit will be filed in a few days.

Exceptions to libel against the steamship Gaelic, libel brought by certain Chinese alleging improper treatment as passengers in the vessel, were filed in Federal Court this afternoon.

NO JURISDICTION, SAYS THE COURT

"No jurisdiction!" says the Supreme Court in the election contest case instituted by C. B. Maille. The county election, according to the court's opinion, cannot be contested in any of the courts. This decides the matter as far as the election is concerned. There is still the possibility of a test case being instituted in the Supreme Court as to the legality of the County Act itself, while many favor ratification of the Act by Congress to forever settle disputes as to the validity of the law. Attorney General Andrews said this morning that he favored the ratification of Congress while the power of amendment or repeal was left with the Hawaiian Legislature.

"It does not appear to me that it is any way against the principles of home rule to ask Congress to ratify the County Act. It is merely requesting the endorsement of the Federal Government of our law."

"Congress said we could have our County Act and why should we not ask Congress to ratify it as long as we surrender no rights of amendment or repeal?"

The unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court was rendered this morning in the Maille election case. The court room was crowded at the time, many attorneys, politicians and others being present.

The syllabus is as follows: In view of Secs. 454-455 of Act 31, Laws of 1903 (the County Act), which provide for contests of county elections in general by candidates and in Circuit Courts, such contests cannot be instituted by electors or in the Supreme Court.

In Secs. 465-466 of said Act, which make "all of the provisions of law" applicable to the first county election, those words refer to provisions of law other than those contained in that Act itself, and not to Secs. 454-455 of that Act, which provide for contests of (Continued on Page 4.)

Ada Wreckers RETURN For New Crew

The small schooner Ada, which went to the French Frigate Shoal to attempt to wreck the stranded French ship Connetable de Richmond, put in appearance a little after noon today. She came into the harbor at a little after 1 o'clock and was moored at Emmes' wharf.

The Ada did not bring the slightest thing back from the wrecked vessel. Along the waterfront the general opinion is that those on board the vessel can consider themselves lucky that they got back at all.

All those aboard have had enough of the expedition with the exception of Captain Weisbarth who intends to ship a new crew and return to the shoal as soon as possible.

Captain Weisbarth, who is master of the Ada, gave the following story of the trip: "It took us about 4 1/2 days to reach the French Frigate Shoal. We had fine weather all the way. We found the Connetable de Richmond in exactly the same position as when I saw her on my trip in the steamer Kaula. She has two holes in the bow, one on each side. We did not caulk them."

"We took almost all the yards off the masts and also the topgallant mast. We also took a 1500-lb. anchor from the ship and carried it over to a reef about 300 or 400 feet away. We rigged purchases to the Connetable's masts and tried to pull the vessel over. The coral rock where the anchor was fastened gave way and we had to give up the attempt. We did not take the donkey engine off the ship as we had no steam connections which fitted the engine. We were also in the need of some other tackle. I left on the vessel Diver Ellison and a sailor, whose name I do not know. I am going to get steam connections for the donkey and some other fittings here. I am then going back to the Shoal. I expect to start Saturday."

Captain Nelson, who shipped as mate on the Ada, is thoroughly disgusted with the venture. He is not as sanguine as Captain Weisbarth and tells the following tale: "It took us about four days to make

Story of MacArthur Predicting War Was Not Authorized

It is understood that Major General Arthur MacArthur, commanding the Department of California, was not pleasantly surprised at the appearance of the morning's Advertiser of an article purporting to be derived from alleged stenographic notes of an interview between Colonel Jones and the Department Commander.

In fact the General stated, it is said, that the morning paper's story was not a correct expression of his views. He was not aware that any such article was forthcoming and, moreover, properly represented, in the alleged authoritative account, as to his opinions.

Governor Carter was also inclined to be surprised and vexed. In reference to the Advertiser article's reference to "stenographic notes of an interview between Colonel Jones and the Department Commander" and the further statement in the story "by permission of the Governor, who afforded the Advertiser representative every facility, the official report was copied in the executive office," the Governor, upon being asked as to the article's correctness or incorrectness, said:

"I do not know where the Advertiser got the idea of 'stenographic notes.' I know nothing of such notes. Such a statement is certainly incorrect. As for the correction relative to my permission in the matter there is assuredly some misunderstanding."

"General MacArthur has most cordially devoted himself to a study of the interests of the Hawaiian National Guard. The General seeks to im-



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REVENUE CUTTER FINDS FAVOR

[Associated Press Special Cable.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Senate Committee on Commerce presented a report today favoring an appropriation of \$225,000 for a revenue cutter to be stationed at Honolulu.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR 'COUNSEL'S PEACE

[Associated Press Special Cable.]
TOKIO, Dec. 10.—The Japanese Diet was opened today by the Emperor with the usual formalities. The speech from the throne was of a distinctly peaceful character and evidenced an intent to prevent radical action during the critical period of Japan's international troubles.

Russia Discredits Story Of Chemulpo Warships

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10.—The Tokio dispatch that Russian warships have arrived at Chemulpo to make demands upon Korea is discredited in official circles.

Rothschild Reported Dead

MONTE CARLO, Dec. 10.—It is reported that Baron Arthur de Rothschild is dead.

Czar Approves Agreement

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Czar Nicholas has approved the conditions of the preliminary agreement with Japan.

In Charge at Guantanamo

GUANTANAMA, Cuba, Dec. 10.—American officers today took possession of the naval station at Guantanamo.

Somali Troops Desert

ADEN, Dec. 10.—The Somali troops of the British force have joined Mad Mullah.

MORE RECOGNITION FOR PANAMA.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Austria and Denmark have formally recognized the Republic of Panama.

ADMIRAL GHERARDI DEAD.
STRATFORD, Conn., Dec. 10.—Admiral Gherardi died here today.

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